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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.129 (a)

EXPEDITED PROCEDURE

GROUP ART UNIT 1633

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:  
Ruoslahti and Border

Serial No.: 08/349,479

Filed: December 2, 1994

For: INHIBITING TRANSFORMING  
GROWTH FACTOR  $\beta$  TO  
PREVENT ACCUMULATION OF  
EXTRACELLULAR MATRIX

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SUBMISSION AFTER FINAL UNDER TRANSITIONAL RULE 129(a)

This application was pending for at least two years as of June 8, 1995. This submission under transitional Rule 129(a) is being filed in response to the Office Action (Paper No. 52) mailed November 25, 1997. Please consider the following amendments and remarks.

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In The Claims

FC-246

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Please cancel claim 24.

Please amend claims 21 and 25 as follows:

21. (Three Times Amended) A method of decreasing the deleterious accumulation of extracellular matrix associated with a pathology or a condition characterized by the TGF- $\beta$ -induced

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